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Subject (in full) Purchase of the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury  
by the Soviet Authorities.

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Regarding the proposed sale of the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury to the Soviet Authorities, further enquiries reveal that all negotiations terminated following the sudden demise of Victor Volinsky, who was in charge of the Press and Information Bureaux of the Soviet Embassy in China.

Volinsky, who died on April 9, 1934 in the General Hospital, arrived in Shanghai from Moscow on March 13, 1934 having been invested with full authority to conduct the necessary transactions for the buying of the above mentioned newspaper.

Being new to Shanghai and having no knowledge of local conditions, Volinsky was assisted in his work by S.I. Slepak, representative of "Tass" News Agency in North China, who is reported to have left by rail for Peiping in June, 1934.

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Subject (in full)..... S.I. Slepak (or Slepach) and the purchase  
of the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury.

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Semen Ignatievitch Slepak (or Slepach), representative  
of "Tass" News Agency in North China, arrived at Shanghai from  
Peiping a few days ago by rail. It is reported that Slepak's  
mission here is in connection with the negotiations between the  
Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, No. 17-21 Avenue Edward VII,  
and the Soviet Authorities regarding the purchase of this news-  
paper by the latter. It is said that the Soviet Authorities  
propose to finance this newspaper in order to change its policy  
to that of a pro-Soviet nature. The proprietors of the news-  
paper are prepared to sell provided the sum demanded is forth-  
coming.

Slepak's place of residence is at present unknown.

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Further report  
in due course  
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SHANGHAI EVENING POST AND MERCURY

VOLINSKY, Victor

In charge of the Press and Information Bureaux of the  
Soviet Embassy in Chain.

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SLEPAK, Semen Ignatievitch  
(or SLEPACH)

Representative of TASS News Agency in North China.